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Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the accompanying PCT National Stage application, kindly amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Page 1, line 1, please delete "State of the Art" and insert the heading -- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --;

lines 2 and 3, delete "according to the preamble of the main claim".

Page 2, line 11, delete "Object of the Invention" and insert the heading heading -- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --;

line 15, delete "Advantages of the Invention".

Page 5, last line, delete "in the subclaims" and insert in lieu thereof -- hereinafter --.

Page 6, line 1, delete "Drawing" and insert the heading -- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --;

line 14, delete "Description of Working Embodiments" and insert the heading -- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS --.

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